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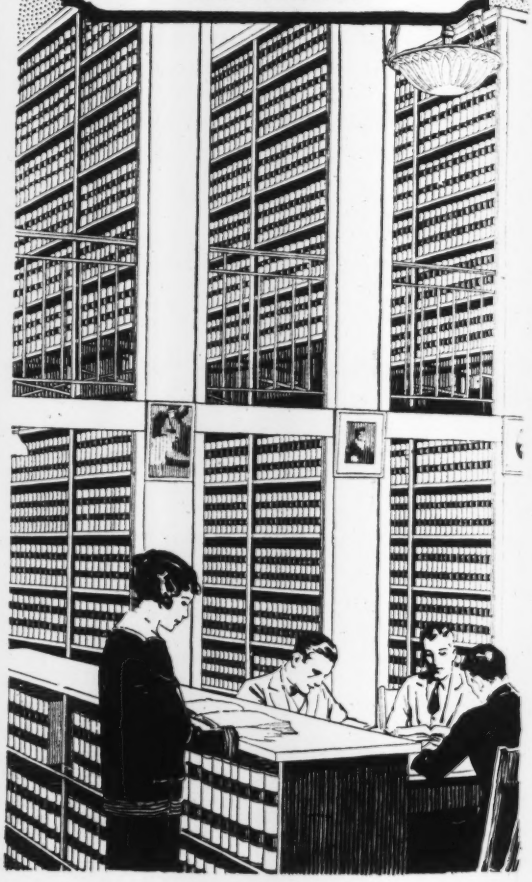

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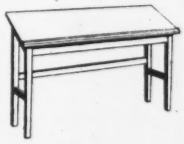

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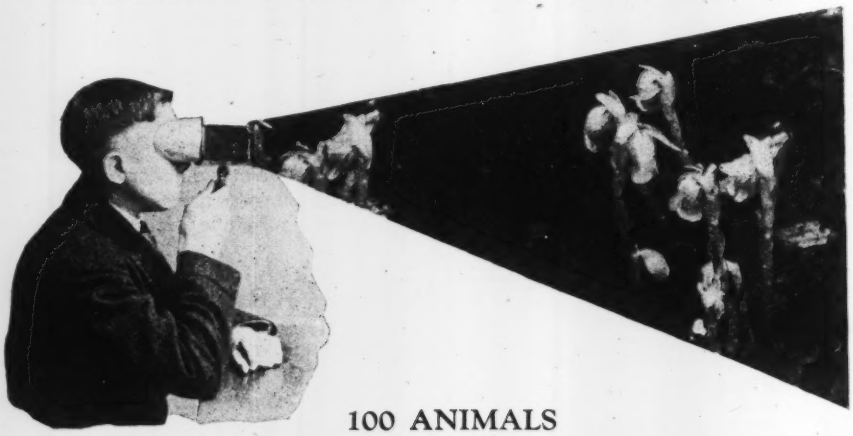

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Newer Functions of University Libraries

By JOHN BOYNTON KAISER

THERE is a curious contradiction in the available evidence regarding the degree to which libraries and their possible significance are seemingly matters of concern to those charged with the responsibility of making our institutions of higher learning function to their fullest extent.

To judge solely by the time and space given to discussions of this matter in the last ten years by organizations devoted to the study of the various problems of higher education in America, one would conclude that libraries have a minor place indeed in the minds of professional educators. A recent canvass of twenty-five of the leading associations in this field reveals the fact that apparently only two [a] of them have given library service or library problems attention during this period.

One's discouragement over the situation is considerably lessened by such statements as the following from prominent educators regarding the neglect of the study of higher education itself.

Said President Edwin A. Alderman of the University of Virginia, in 1917, discussing the function and needs of Schools of Education in universities and colleges in a report to the General Education Board:[1] "College professors have rarely studied their profession as a profession. They have only studied the subjects they intend to teach."

Similarly, Chancellor Capen in his introduction to Kelly's "The American Arts College" [2] draws attention to the neglect of the college as a subject in professional literature in these words: "Oddly enough, we know very little about the college, in spite of the fact that it is so much discussed. . . . Research in college problems has been almost wholly lacking. . . . . Higher education offers a wide and fascinating field for scientific inquiry. It is difficult to understand why university schools of education have neglected this field so long."

And Dean Frederick James Kelly, the author of this treatise on a neglected subject, the liberal arts college, himself all but completely ignores the library as a factor in a liberal arts education, and even such meager mention[3] as is accorded the subject can be ascertained only by reading the volume thru, for no index is provided, and the subject is not noted in the table of contents. The Dean should be reminded that Minnesota has a splendid library and a thoroly progressive librarian.

But there is another side to the picture. In "Recent Tendencies in College Administration" [4] Robert Lincoln Kelly of Columbia, executive secretary of the Association of American Colleges, has produced the latest and certainly one of the finest interpretations of the American college and university that we have. In it is a splendid chapter on libraries, which for clearness of vision and understanding is scarcely if ever surpassed in our own strictly professional literature. Fortunately for our prestige, this interpretation of the library as a factor in American university education is the one more widely known abroad, for this volume is the publication in book form of Professor Kelly's lectures on American colleges last year at the Sorbonne. Says Professor Kelly:

"The laboratory and the library as instruments and as methods have revolutionized American higher education during the professional life of educators now living. This revolution has been coincident with the richer and more plastic conception of liberal education inaugurated some decades ago and now universally accepted in our country."

"There is special reason for speaking of the library. The library has attained a place of unquestioned pre-eminence among the instruments of higher learning. If the central power plant is a source and symbol of the physical unity of the modern university, the library is the indispensable instrument of its intellectual life. To the library come all members of the university—all the faculty and all the students.

(a) Twenty-five inquiries; twenty-two replies; two "yes"; twenty "no."

[1] General Education Board, *Occasional Papers* No. 4. 1917.

[2] Macmillan, 1925.

[3] Ibid. p. 9, 73, 74, 167.

[4] Association of American Colleges. 111 Fifth Ave., New York. 1925. p. 62-78.

The number of visitors to the larger libraries in the course of an academic year mounts into the hundreds of thousands. The library, too, is a central plant of light and power."

And again: "It is important that emphasis be placed not only upon the library as an instrument of education but upon the library as a method of education. For it is in the library, as in the laboratory, that the student learns to work for himself and by himself and thereby develops an important phase of his education."

There are other recent signs that library functions have value in the opinion of educational leaders. The new president of the University of Michigan was chosen from an institution which makes instruction in the use of the library a prominent factor in the program of its freshman week. The late president of the University of Chicago was himself director of libraries at that great institution and his predecessors have paid high tribute to the worth of libraries. President Butler at Columbia, in his annual report for 1924 writes: "The library is the working laboratory not of any one department alone, but of all departments, and it is constantly resorted to and used by tens of thousands of students who crowd its reading-rooms, its alcoves, and its studies."

The change in interest on the part of the Carnegie Corporation from library buildings, valuable and essential as they are, to library service and education for librarianship is not without great educational significance.

Finally, the study under way by Chancellor Capen and Professor Work, on university library administrative relationships and needs, and Professor Charters' work on the library school curriculum, may well end this brief introduction of recent testimony as to the growing realization of the present worth and possibilities of the library as a factor in the field of higher education.

Perhaps there are still a few faculty members who fear that the university librarian even yet wishes to make the university conform to the library rather than making the library take its place as one of the many educational agencies, or, if you please, educational methods of the university. Let them lay aside their fears. The university library today wishes to develop its functions in conformity with university functions, to fit its service to the university educational program and policies at all points. The main question is whether librarians are going to sense all the possibilities for service and take the leadership in developing them, even anticipating needs, or they are to have them pointed out by their faculty colleagues or suggested and perhaps enforced by higher and more alert administrative authority.

What are some of the newer educational functions demanding a re-examination of library functions if we are to assume leadership or even to keep apace?

Whether discussing educational functions or library functions one must go cautiously in his use of this word "new." It is more accurate, I believe, to speak of a new realization of functions, or perhaps a change of emphasis in these matters than it is to speak of the functions themselves as new.

Concerning new objectives in higher education itself others are to speak.* Hence, what is said must be and shall be limited to recent general pronouncements from the educational authorities already quoted. President Little, at his recent inaugural, in speaking of the ultimate object of higher education considers the shifting of emphasis from the subject taught to the individual student the significant thing.[5] Nicholas Murray Butler pointed in his Annual Report for 1924 that "Guidance in the right use of leisure is vastly more important than what is now called vocational guidance" and placed a special responsibility on the university to see to it that university graduates learn to make a "worthy use of leisure." Robert Lincoln Kelly and Dean Frederick James Kelly both discuss educational objectives quite fully and effectively as does also Professor Koos in his monumental two volumes on "The Junior College" [6] but from these, at present, only one suggestion will be noted, namely, the needs which grow out of the conception of the college as a "place of orientation, with the student at the center of the process." These are, according to Robert Lincoln Kelly: The need for the mastery of tools and methods; the need for the attainment of culture; the need of preparation for a vocation, or if you prefer, for service. Surely, these "newer" conceptions of university and college functions challenge anew the library in every educational institution. How is the challenge being met?

A classification of university library functions may well precede a discussion of these functions specifically. All noted are here viewed as "service" functions, i. e. service as distinguished from administrative functions. For present purposes the following classification is offered. 1. Acquisition service, Exchange service; 2. Research service, Reference service; 3. Co-ordinating service; 4. Bibliographical service; 5. Teaching service; 6. Study facilities service; 7. Circulation of books, Assigned readings or

[5] *School and Society*, v. 22, p. 569-584, Nov. 7, 1925.

[6] Minneapolis: Univ. of Minnesota, 1924. v. 2, p. 360, 369.

* This paper was read at the Chicago meeting of university and reference librarians in December.

Reserve book service; 8. Extension service; 9. Publishing service; 10. Professional service to librarianship.

The purpose served by each of these functions may vary; it may in one case be strictly educational, or purely recreational; it may be cultural or inspirational or vocational, or some combination of these purposes. Those served may be students, or faculty, or alumni, or persons quite removed from the university; or indeed schools, or other libraries, or organized groups of various kinds. Further, each of these service functions may be sub-divided as anyone familiar with the work of a university library readily sees. Only a part of these services, however, may appropriately be discussed under "newer functions" especially when the newness, as has been indicated, is more in the realization of the function or the method of carrying it out than in the function itself.

I am not aware of anything essentially new regarding the service rendered thru the acquisition of desired resources but I feel that university libraries ought to heed more than they have in the past the proposals of the committee, which Mr. Gerould of Princeton has headed so long, on the matter of systematic specialization in acquiring unusual resources. There is much to be done in securing the co-operation of our faculties and their professional associations in this regard. Acquisition thru exchange of duplicates. University publications and theses continues, the unsolved problem involved seems to be whether the university library should handle all these matters or whether either or both of the two last be conducted by the university editor or university press. There is much in favor of the centralized handling of all exchanges where physical conditions and facilities make it possible.

It is difficult to set exact boundaries to the next four classes, namely research and reference, co-ordinating services, bibliographical service and teaching functions. As to the first of these, the library may well suggest new fields of research for students in various departments of the graduate college and then may assist this research and other researches in progress thru its bibliographical service and by teaching those unacquainted with library methods and resources how to make the most of them. When professional educators admit the failure of the school after years of effort in teaching reading to turn out lovers of reading I believe there is a chance for real co-operation in research between those who are studying the question of reading from the standpoint of its psychology and pedagogy and those to whom come voluntarily those who love reading or those who must read. The library may also stimulate research in educational methods by sharing in a study of the use of reserved or assigned readings and in the principles apparently applied in selecting assigned readings. Timely suggestions to those doing research work regarding new publications of interest to them which they may not have seen as yet are familiar and welcomed practices.

By a "co-ordinating service" I mean service in co-ordinating or serving as a clearing house for various university departmental activities which are going on independently of each other, whereas those concerned would all welcome and benefit from knowledge of the work of each. Of course the office of the graduate college may be expected to meet this need but not necessarily in all cases for work done by faculty rather than by graduate students. For example, a child welfare station is engaged in work of interest to those studying specifically character education and both may be interested in some investigations of a public health nursing department or in a course in literature for children given in a library school.

Have the co-ordinating functions of museum, laboratory, ward, classroom and library been fully worked out? Would a library representative at all faculty or departmental meetings help to increase mutual understanding of co-operative possibilities and to smooth out misunderstandings? Are librarians, thru the facilities offered by colleges of education and departments of psychology, keeping abreast of the most advanced thought in the field of experimental education and educational psychology? Are they interesting experts in these fields in studying library problems and possibilities?

Are libraries functioning so that colleges of education will insist that their graduates take courses in library methods and the use of the library as a prerequisite to the teaching certificate, and are we so teaching library methods that these graduates will demand high grade high school and elementary school libraries when they go out as teachers? In the midst of our group of specialists and individualists are we as librarians convincingly demonstrating the much needed liberalizing and socializing and humanizing influence of a great central collection of world literatures with which specializing students should come in contact, particularly when they are inclined to limit their reading to their own highly specialized departmental libraries? Are we co-ordinating to the best advantage library service in our university hospitals, nurses' training schools and schools of medicine to include service to patients, physicians, and students? If our university should suddenly decide upon becoming a group of junior colleges and senior colleges are we prepared to say what changes in library functions or methods this will involve? Is the library

service doing all it should in connection with all the latest procedure involved in the new "differential treatment" of students? The university's new recognition of the individual himself and not the imaginary average individual seems an appropriate preparation for life after college years; for, as President Keppel remarks, "Whatever gets done in the world is accomplished by the individual."

I doubt whether the bibliographical service rendered by university libraries today involves any particularly new functions or even new methods, but I feel quite definitely that many of us have a good deal yet to do in the way of developing such service to the limit of possible usefulness. Service here would logically be most with the faculty, for students are expected by many departments to do their own bibliographical research as a part of their training. Formal instruction in bibliographical methods might well be developed, however, along the lines being mapped out especially well at Princeton. Some extremely important co-operative bibliographical undertakings now under way may, perhaps, more appropriately be alluded to later under the heading of professional services, such as the great Union List of Serials in the Libraries of the United States and Canada, but I believe there is room for much more of this kind of co-operation particularly in the field of the bibliographical thesis showing books on selected subjects in a group of important libraries or other enterprises similar to the Dictionary of Middle English being compiled thru the co-operation of graduate students in different institutions preparing glossaries to single outstanding works of the period.[7]

The teaching function of the university library is still of special interest to the writer. This involves much more than that more of us must offer elementary courses in the use of books and libraries to undergraduates and more than merely expanding the traditional courses already established. Among other things it raises the question of the "credit course" in recreational reading (most recently exemplified again at Humbolt College, California).[8] If credit is given for tennis, swimming, skiing, and canoeing surely credit is appropriate in a liberal arts college even for mere reading. But here again let us not glory in this as something new under the sun. Recall Emerson's idea of "The Professorship of Books" back in the seventies.

We must have special courses for prospective teachers both in how to use the library and how to run the small school library; such a course as will enable them to teach the use of the library themselves in the secondary schools. Think of the time saved if every student came to college knowing fully how to use the library as a result of careful training in the elementary and secondary schools. How many graduate students now lack this knowledge? And, how many instructors?

Further, may not our teaching function properly involve the supervision of graduate dissertations on the place of the library in a democracy from the several standpoints of education, good government, industrial development, and its relation to both "the labor and the leisure" of the people? Again may not the library be officially designated a teaching department of the university as well as an administrative unit or its greatest service station? All this quite apart from its relation to professional education for librarianship. A start has been made at the University of Iowa on examining this whole subject.

Among professional educators there is quite evident a new interest on how to study and in providing the best physical facilities for study for all students. We have supplied special rooms with special equipment and attendants with this in mind and are getting interesting results. The problem is being worked out in co-operation with the College of Education and is but one of several experiments to try to determine the best teaching and study methods and facilities.

A new function in the circulation work of the university library seems to be suggested by President Little's allusion of the "transition from graduate to alumnus." Amherst, Wellesley and Smith seem to have taken the lead in this as far as special library service to alumni is concerned. Further study of the possibilities involved is fully justified even by the limited experience to date. Radio courses and honors courses are somewhat new factors in our situation also and "directed study," with its reading-period supplanting the lecture and recitation period, raises a partially new problem for the library, something a little different from other assigned-reading or reserve-book problems.

The "help-yourself" plan and the dropping of statistics for reserve book use at California are developments worth watching. Do we, indeed, need to keep circulation statistics at all? Another problem in this field agitating university librarians just now is whether duplicate copies of reserve books should be paid for from regular library book funds, special book appropriations, class assessments, or rented like pay-duplicates in the public library field.[9]

[7] Note, for example, C. S. Northrup's statement that "The future bibliography of English philology as a whole must be the work of many specialists" (in his preface to "A Register of the Bibliographies of the English Language and Literature. 507p. Yale Univ. Press. New Haven. 1925).

[8] LIBRARY JOURNAL. December 1, 1925. p. 990.

The matter of the university library and university extension was most thoroly gone into by William Warner Bishop in an address before the National University Extension Association early in 1925. The address will appear in the 1925 Proceedings of the association. It is commended to all of you. There is scarcely a phase of the many-sided activities of university extension there mentioned in which the university library has not a definite part to play, but Mr. Bishop throws out a timely warning against the university library's trying to meet all requests for books by any and all individuals in the state and believes that an agency quite similar to the Lending Library for Students in London, is what is needed for such a purpose as this.

The publishing function of the university library is at least two-fold; first comes the matter of publishing what it itself creates such as bibliographies, annual reports and perhaps a library periodical, as is done at Harvard. Second comes the matter of editing various university publications either independently or thru co-operation with a university editor or university press. These may be regular studies, or periodicals, or bibliographies of theses or of faculty publications or even of alumni publications. A possible new function here is that of stimulating the republication of much-needed but out-of-print material. Perhaps we can thus help preserve the vanishing supply of irreplaceable scientific periodicals and learned society publications by persuading the authors or publishers of separate articles used as assigned readings for classes to reprint them in booklet or pamphlet form.

In the field of service to librarianship I believe university librarians have yet a large area untilled. To begin with, we are greatly interested in bibliography but we do not have a bibliography of our own profession. We have no text-books devoted to it. Discussions of our problems are published here and there in the proceedings and journals of the profession at large and are rather scanty at best. Occasionally some discussion of university library matters gets into the publications of other organizations interested in higher education, but in this regard the elementary and high school librarians are years ahead of us with their rapidly increasing literature and their recognition in educational circles and associations generally. As was stated at the outset of this paper, the Capen and Work inquiry on behalf of the Association of American Universities and the Charters curriculum study are hopeful signs, but can we not get our university library problems more to the fore in the deliberations of the great associations interested in higher education? Our problems are more assuredly theirs also.

In this way perhaps aid can be obtained in securing for the library enough of the university's budget to do some of the many things yet undone and more than the "3 per cent of the 29 per cent" devoted to overhead expense which the Educational Finance Inquiry Commission says we now get, on the average. These figures from "Unit Costs of Higher Education" [10] by Stevens and Elliott are interesting. I fear however that they need a great deal of explaining and interpretation.

Some of the problems mentioned under other headings, may well be recalled here as they are of value to librarianship as well as to the educational and scholarly interests we aim to serve. These would include such a co-operative undertaking as the "National Union List of Serials," fixing boundaries within which we shall each specialize in our collections, getting educational specialists and specialists in psychology and personnel problems to study our special problems and to know the extent to which they are being studied already. Mr. Telford's work should be known to all working in the field of psychological tests, job analysis, and personnel classification, particularly to those who insist on classifying librarianship as a second-rate vocation rather than realizing that the varied work of libraries utilizes services of many grades from the mechanical and clerical to the most highly specialized professional.

This leads to the final question for our immediate consideration, which is the function we should exercise in the matter of professional education for librarianship itself. Without raising the question of the possible need for library schools and training agencies other than university library schools, it is clear that the university has certain responsibilities in this field of professional education which cannot be delegated to other agencies. The Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association is handling this matter for the profession in splendid fashion. The Carnegie Corporation is keenly alive to it and a thoro discussion of the whole subject was published recently.[11] In the face of these one need scarcely go into details here.

The future of university librarianship in America is still to be molded. It is hoped that I have here presented some thoughts on how the university librarians of today can and should lead the way.

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[9] Lois Reed. Duplicate reserve books. LIBRARY JOURNAL, v. 50, p. 1034-1035. December 15, 1925.

[10] Macmillan, 1925. (See pages 73, 74, and 137.)

[11] T. C. Tai. Professional Education for Librarianship. H. W. Wilson Co., 1925. See also LIBRARY JOURNAL, February 15, 1926, p. 184.

Social Activities of the County Library

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BEFORE making this survey of the activities of the county public library, it was hoped that the material found would permit extensive tabulation of all social activities of the two hundred county libraries. On account of insufficient funds and the lack of central organization within the twenty or more states having county library service, it was impossible to get accurate, detailed information of the activities except in a very general way.

From the data received and compared, it is evident that the social activity of the county public library is based upon the needs and differences of the communities served. The needs of a thinly populated, isolated place such as Platte County, Wyoming, are not the needs of Multnomah County, Oregon. The aim is the same in either case; that is, to make life more worth living to the people. The effect of climatic conditions—brilliant sunshine and lack of humidity in Wyoming—tends to a greater discharge of nervous energy. The necessity for having to cope with sudden, severe changes of weather in order to exist tends to a greater activity and stimulation of thought. The economic pressure brought about by climatic, geographic, and occupational conditions brings about a corresponding limitation of funds to be spent in educational and social activities. In Oregon, there is less sunshine, and more humidity together with less waste of nervous energy. Climatic and geographic situations make living conditions easier, economic pressure less, population greater, together with a correspondingly greater amount of money to be spent for desirable activities. With these conditions in mind, it is not surprising to find a greater variety of county public library activities together with a greater degree of development in Oregon than would be possible in Wyoming.

Since the financial depression existing thruout the United States following 1921, both Wyoming and Oregon are practically at a standstill with regard to campaigns for library extension. Before the depression, nine county library systems had been organized in Wyoming, and eleven in Oregon. In 1925, Wyoming's county library activities were practically at a standstill for lack of funds. The State Library was unable to publish the annual report—altho required by law to do so—for the same reason. In Oregon, one county library system has been discontinued, another exists in the form of a library board, but has no funds with which to operate. There are ten active county library systems now operating. California at this time has the greatest number of county library systems, forty-two in all, and is carrying on the greater number of social activities of any state.

It is interesting to note that in Oregon the registration of borrowers in the new county libraries ranks higher than in the older county libraries.

The percentage of the entire county population registering as borrowers in the newer county libraries of Oregon as compared with the percentages for the older county library systems is shown by the following figures.[1]

The new county libraries at Marshfield, Albany, Deschutes, and Ashland have 90, 66, 63, and 63 per cent respectively, or a mean of 70.5 per cent. The old county libraries which are at Umatilla, Salem, Portland, Malheur, and Jackson have 43, 42, 40 39 and 32 per cent respectively or a mean of 39.2 per cent.[1]

In five county libraries in Oregon the circulation exceeds the state standard of five volumes per capita: Medford, 11.3 per cent; Ashland, 10; The Dalles, 8.4; Marshfield, 8.2; Portland, 7.9; giving a mean of 9 per cent.[2]

Thruout the United States, public library statistics show a yearly circulation of five volumes per capita; in some states this circulation rate is higher. From the state librarian's report of conditions in Oregon five of the ten active county libraries there exceed this national standard, reaching a mean of nine volumes, or eighty per cent above the average of circulation per capita. Considering the size of the counties served, and of the transportation facilities which are limited, this is an exceedingly high average, especially for a county-wide system.

With the spread of information concerning the benefits of the county library thru its service, there is a steady increase in the demand and use of county library systems. This is shown by the fact that over half of the states in the United States now have passed county library laws, and other states are placing county library bills before the legislature at an increasing rate, in order to give their citizens the benefits of similar service.

No standards of measurements for the determination of county public library efficiency have been adopted. The best measure is found thru summarizing the county public library activities, and the reaction of the library patrons toward those activities. In general, the county library activities may be classified in five groups: Work with children, educational, rural communities, business and professional men, community center activities.

[1] Oregon. Biennial report of the State Library, 1923.
[2] Ibid.

Activities with the children's group are practically the same as carried on by the progressive up-to-date city library. There is the story hour in all its phases. All organizations of the boys and girls are encouraged to make use of the community center facilities. The county libraries at Los Angeles, Newark, Cleveland, Tacoma, and Portland, go a step further and broadcast the stories for the benefit of youngsters living too far away to attend in person. An audience of ten thousand gets the benefit of the Portland county public library broadcastings weekly, by actual check. As there are many receiving sets in the rural districts, this courtesy of the libraries is greatly appreciated.

The cultural and ethical value of library activities are shown thru the response of the children to the courses offered, and in their care of the library property. There are a number of actual cases which might be quoted to show how certain boys and girls, who were considered real community problems before the county library was established in their particular locality, were indirectly influenced by its activities to such an extent that their destructive tendencies were turned into constructive activities within a very short time.

Child welfare and baby saving campaigns are successfully carried on thru the county libraries. Government pamphlets and bulletins on child welfare in general and on infant care are distributed among the mothers from the library. In some of the Eastern States the county nurse cooperates with the county librarian, and makes the trip from house to house in the rural districts with the book truck. She gives suggestions and aid to the mothers en route with regard to the health and general welfare of the children. One book-truck is said to carry baby scales, on which every infant in the county is weighed regularly and his weight recorded by the county nurse for statistical purposes. If the child is under weight, the mother is advised as to the proper method of care and feeding to improve his condition.

The educational factors of the county library vary with the communities served. The more common material utilized in an educational way consists of books, pictures, music—instrumental and vocal sheet music—orchestra scores, and phonograph records. The co-operation of the county library with rural schools is one of the most important phases of social activity. In some states, the rural schools would have no chance to get supplementary reading material, if it were not for the county library. The writer has visited rural schools in a neighboring state in which no two texts were alike.[3] There were no signs of a supplementary book in any of the schools in that county. Only one out of the twenty-five schools visited had a dictionary. It was so old and worn that it was almost impossible to use it. As for pictures, about the only things some of those youngsters had seen were the illustrations in their text, and the Montgomery Ward catalog.

It is almost impossible for one who has never been in such a community to realize the degree of appreciation expressed by the teachers and the mentally-starved youngsters in their care when the traveling library boxes arrive to break the monotony of their school life.

The methods of distribution also vary with the community to be served. They are influenced to a large extent by geographic conditions, density of population, transportation facilities, and sometimes by climate.

In Canada, a large proportion of the county public library borrowers live in logging camps miles from the nearest railroad or waterway. The winters are long and severe. The problem is how to get the books to the residents in such outlying districts. The county public library sends traveling library boxes by rail as far as it can to a post four hundred miles from the library. From the last railroad station the books are relayed by canoe one hundred miles to the next station and from there they are taken to their destination another one hundred and fifty miles by dog sled.[4]

In the mountainous regions of Oregon and California, it is not uncommon to receive books by pack-mule. The book truck is one of the most efficient and popular methods of distribution wherever good roads and density of population permit. They are commonly found in Maryland, Ohio, Wisconsin, Oregon and California. Delaware is said to use twenty-eight book trucks, but to date no authentic information has been received concerning this. For the isolated settler the parcels post package is perhaps the most economical method of service. The traveling library boxes have been mentioned as being very practical in connection with work with the rural schools. In isolated parts of Wyoming it is not uncommon for the air service mail carriers to drop copies of duplicate magazines as they fly over rural homes, just to help the cause.

In the more thickly settled counties branch libraries, reading rooms, library stations, and sub-stations are established under the same plan as those operated by a central city library.[5]

The interesting methods of book distribution within the jurisdiction of the county library are many. In the variety of transportation activities there is enough of general interest to hold and

[3] Park County, Wyoming.

[4] Stearn, R. B. Books by canoe and dog sled. *Popular Education*, v. 40., p. 386-387, March, 1923.

[5] Bostwick, A. E., The American public library, 1913.

increase the patrons' attention indefinitely, while the technic of transportation activities holds the attention and interest of the professional librarian to a like degree. Better methods to suit changing conditions are being constantly and consistently evolved.

One of the newer movements in the library field is that of adult education. The county public library has its share in the movement, reaching classes of adults hitherto untouched thru the regular channels of public library work. An advantage of the county library over night schools, classes, clubs, and so on, for adult education is that there is no limit as to time or subject matter. However, it lacks the class contacts. The kind of education most sought by adults is non-vocational. Its purpose is a fuller life for social and business purposes. The demands show a type of citizenship most desirable.

In a Wyoming mining camp most of the inhabitants—Greek and Italian workmen—became interested in the prospects of having the use of a branch reading room in their village. As the mining company owns practically everything there, yet pays its taxes in another state, the county officials could not see any necessity for opening a branch library for those foreigners. However, the library organizer was sent to find out the needs, and to determine the policy to be followed.

There was a special meeting of the workers. After the meeting, the interpreter was handed one hundred dollars in cash from each organization with instructions to "please give it to the 'library lady' and have her get books in modern Greek and Italian for the men and their families who are unable to read English." Thru the kindly co-operation of the Boston Public Library, a good selection of books was made for each group, and cared for by the county library in the Y. M. C. A. building. Traveling libraries were sent to the same place for the use of those who were able to read English. Records show that the collections were used extensively. The foreigners' interest in Americanization classes grew, as they were anxious to be able to read everything sent to the village library station.

The problems arising from the rapidly growing material conquests of the world by man utilizing his scientific knowledge result in more time for leisure, and the problem of providing means for using this leisure time.

This incident of the mining camp is but one of the county public library's adult education activities. The foreign born are encouraged to make use of all available material in the libraries which may aid them in adapting themselves to American standards of living, occupations, government, conduct, and many other things. There is close co-operation with schools offering similar opportunities.

Courses of study, or reading for self education for adults are carefully worked out by expert educators, and the county public library does all in its power to encourage the use of these courses thru their distribution, and supplementing the distribution with adequate library service in providing material called for.

In some of the larger communities activities take the form of county library service to jails and hospitals. The St. Paul library which serves Ramsey County, Minnesota, has developed a weekly service to the county jail of which the inmates are highly appreciative. In some other instances, the worn out books and copies of magazines which are not intended for binding are sent to the prisoners. Deposits of books in the hospitals by the county public library, to be circulated among the patients, excepting in case of contagious disease, are successfully operated. In the latter case, old magazines are sent which when worn out are burned.

A library station established at the village post office or store is good advertising both for the local establishment and for the library. In isolated communities, however, the stations are usually at the rural school, and are, consequently, used largely by children. Adult residents are not enthusiastic about going to a district school to get library books. If there is a book collection at a cross-roads store or village post-office they take active interest in it. When one understands the rural mind, and the local conditions, such an attitude is not at all strange.

Business and professional men are coming to realize the value of the county library more and more. It helps to attract and hold trade for the community in which it is located. Library methods of cataloging, indexing, filing, classifying, accounting and many other things have been adapted and applied to business methods with almost phenomenal success. Periodicals, books, and reports which are of assistance to the busy man may be had upon request, or the information looked up and telephoned to the questioner within a few minutes. In turn, the library has adapted forms of business advertising to county library uses. In the progressive communities there is some dignified item to keep the county library idea constantly before the public. Truly it pays to advertise.

As a community center, the library is more logical than any other form of institution. Theoretically the school may be considered the more desirable, but within the writer's experience, it is not satisfactory. The use ordinarily comes at a time when the teacher is not on duty. No one wants the responsibility of the affair

even if it is only a community church service. Complaints as to the untidiness of the building the following day do not improve matters. The school as a community center is patronized largely by children or immediate members of their families.

On the other hand, the community center facilities of the county library make it available for use at times when there would be certain conflict with school activities if held at the latter place. Any community gathering at the library is usually at a time when the librarian, or some of the assistants are somewhere in the building. The very atmosphere seems to demand quiet and dignified conduct. The fact that someone is definitely responsible and who is not going to shirk the responsibility causes everything to be left in reasonably good order, whether the librarian goes near the group or not.

The success of the county public library from a general viewpoint, then, is dependent upon the breadth of its social activities which are influenced to a large extent by geographic, climatic and economic conditions, both as to type and method of management. The number and nature of its activities are dependent upon adequate financial support, the degree of appreciation of the patrons and co-workers, together with the density of population and economic conditions.

Forms of Publicity For Library Extension

By HENRY O. SEVERANCE

I ASSUME this topic* means, the forms of publicity now in use in the several university libraries such as bulletins, special announcements, mimeographed material, and the like. My knowledge of these forms is limited as I have not had the opportunity to examine the publicity material of all the extension divisions. I shall take the opportunity to suggest some forms of advertising which may be useful.

The usual form of publicity is the column or page or half page in the bulletin or circular issued by the extension department. In the North Carolina University *Extension Bulletin* for December 1922 and December 1924 an entire page illustrated is given to the library extension work. In the University of Missouri *Extension Bulletin*, the debate package service gets a page. The University of Missouri Library does the library work for the extension department. Our library extension is a division of the university library. It was organized several years before the extension department of the library began to function.

This form of advertising cannot well be dispensed with as the extension departments with their correspondence courses, and their system of high school debates and community functions create a demand for books, debate packages, and packages libraries on current topics. The University of Missouri Library has assembled one hundred and seventy-five debate packages which will go into the same number of high schools. These high schools thereby become acquainted with the library service and will make requests for books, package libraries, and the like. These schools, therefore, become our patrons.

Special Forms of Publicity

The form of special publicity depends upon the special service the library is prepared to render, and the special groups to which it may render service.

High School Debaters.—This service is usually described in the extension bulletin. The library issues a pamphlet on a debate subject such as the Philippine question with a statement of the question followed by an outline of the arguments and closes with a bibliography. It may be a special bulletin either numbered or unnumbered. High school debating leagues which receive such a brochure will be certain to write the university library for help on other questions.

Package Libraries.—Special bulletins such as those issued by the University of Texas Library Extension are issued by some libraries listing all the subjects on which readers may secure package libraries. These are sent to citizens, libraries, high schools, and other institutions.

Reports.—Reports of the extension work of a libray published for distribution over the state, written in an interesting way with statistics of service rendered such as: "Service to the State" for 1922-24 issued by the University of Wisconsin Extension Division with statistics and a map showing the package library service of the state.

Service to Special Groups.—Announcement of

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material available for study clubs and outlines of programs for women's clubs, parent-teachers associations. The Wisconsin Extension Division has issued in a mimeographed form facts regarding types of service to parent-teachers associations. Such special letters as this, and booklets recommending children's books for purchase such as the list issued by the University of Missouri Library and mailed to all its correspondents, books for girls, boy scout books, and the like are excellent publicity material. The American Classical League has a bureau to assist classical teachers. This bureu circulates package libraries.

SUGGESTIVE FORMS

The Amercan people are newspaper readers. Mr. Sumner of Sioux City has published his annual reports in the newspapers instead of publishing it in book form. Interviews and articles in the metropolitan papers of any state will get a wide reading. Our College of Agriculture prepares copy for a page or more of items of general and agricultural interest which is syndicated and printed in all the county newspapers in the state. If the University of Missouri Library were prepared to care for the business it would get, I could get our service before the majority of the people of the state thru this means. Those of you who have greater facilities for state service could get some excellent publicity thru this service.

In many states there are county agents and home demonstration agents in the several counties of the state who are under the direction of the college of agriculture. Thru these agents the libraries could get much publicity. They could display posters and distribute pamphlets and other publicity material. The county superintendents of schools might become good publicity agents for libraries. The university libraries by entering a co-operative plan with the local libraries could popularize the local libraries while extending their own service. The possibilities of this co-operation are ably set forth in the preliminary report of the committee of which H. F. Mallory is chairman, on co-operation between libraries and extension divisions. There can be nothing in our line more efficient than the linking together all the library forces for a common purpose. This would mean a greater service to the public, would emphasize the local library and would relieve the pressure on the university library. In this way a much greater service could be rendered the citizens of the state.

For several years, the Agricultural Library of the University of Missouri placed an exhibit at the state fair along with the University exhibits. The University of Wisconsin Extension Department makes displays at the State Teachers Association, State Library Association, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This publicity work could be carried still further by correspondence and circular letters. Take a lesson from business concerns, get the names of prominent men and women thruout the state, and send them circulars, personal letters, and follow up letters. Get the library on the screen in the moving picture shows. We would soon have more business than all our university libraries could care for. But we must not advertise for business beyond what we are able to deliver.

Some Current Library Charging Systems

NOT all of the interesting information on library work which is coming to light in connection with the A. L. A. Survey can be adequately presented in the two volume report to be published this fall. For the benefit of the profession Mr. Thompson sends us a valuable brief supplementary chapter. It is on public library charging systems.

Actual count of the reported systems reveals the fact that, if none has been overlooked, there are twenty-four systems in use. These are as follows: Newark; Browne; Cutter Brown; Brown Cutter; Dewey; Two cents a day; Racine; Sioux City; Miss Drakes'; Library Bureau; Ledger; Combination of Albany and Newark, used by Miss Kroeger of Drexel; New Method used in Detroit and throughout the State of Iowa; Combination of Newark and some other; Pay as you go; Have used it so long, I've forgotten name; The one commended by Dana in his "Library Primer" page 125; "Our Own"—"Not well known"; Cutter; Date due system; Card system; Sioux Falls system; Number system; Standard.

Perhaps some reader whose charging system has not been recorded at the Survey office can add to this list.

Free on Request

The Great Northern Railway has a series of well written illustrated (maps, halftones, etc.) monographs which will be supplied to libraries on request. These include "The Story of Marias Pass", "A Glance at the Lewis and Clark Expedition", and "The Verendrye Expeditions in Quest of the Pacific", all three by Grace Flandrau; "Editorials on the Upper Missouri Historical Expedition of 1925"; "Fort Union and its Neighbors on the Upper Missouri", by Frank B. Harper; and "Chief Joseph's Own Story", reprinted from the *North American* of 1879. General Advertising Department, Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, Minn.

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A Century of the Massachusetts State Library

ON March 26th the Massachusetts State Library will observe the hundredth anniversary of its founding by the General Court. It had its actual origin in a resolve of the General Court passed February 16, 1811, directing the secretary of the Commonwealth to arrange for a "present and future annual exchange of statutes for the use of the executive and legislative departments." The universal system of state exchanges of statutes and other important official documents and the formation of state libraries thruout the country derived their impetus here.

In fifteen years the accumulation of documents in the various offices and legislative halls of the State House created the necessity of collecting and arranging them in one apartment and placing them under some proper management. In 1826 a committee of three members was appointed by the legislature to "inquire into the expediency of establishing a library for the use of the Legislature." As a result of its recommendations the General Court on March 3, 1826, passed "An Act relating to a library for the General Court." This act provided that all the books and maps belonging to the Commonwealth and in the State House (with certain exceptions of books in the Senate Chamber, the House of Representatives and the Department of the Secretary) would be collected, deposited and arranged in proper cases in the room usually called the land office, and placed under the care of the land agent. It then provided that the books retained in the Senate, the House and the office of the Secretary should be cataloged, and the catalog duly certified by the land agent, to be preserved in his office. For the management of the library, it was provided that there should annually be appointed a joint standing committee of three persons selected by each branch of the Legislature, to be called a committee of the library.

THE MAIN READING ROOM

Two hundred dollars was appropriated for the purchase of bookcases, and $300 annually for ten years to procure "such books, maps and charts, works of science and the arts, as may in the judgment of said committee tend to illustrate the resources and means of internal improvement of this Commonwealth and of the United States." The laws of the Commonwealth were codified in 1836 under the name of Revised Statutes. Section 9 provided that "there shall be a State Library kept in the State House for the use of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Council, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and such officers of the Government and other persons as may from time to time be permitted to use the same." Another codification in 1860 made an annual appropriation of $200. Other codifications, making few changes in the administration of the library, were made in 1882, 1902, and 1920.

The first man to have actual charge of the library was Land Agent John W. Coffin, who served from 1826 to 1849. The library then became identified with the board of education, and Rev. Barnas Sears, D.D., secretary of the board, became actively in charge. He served until 1855, when he resigned to become president of Brown University.

George S. Boutwell, who was governor from 1851-53, succeeded Dr. Sears in 1855 and served to 1860. Joseph White followed from 1861 to 1876. During the administrations of Dr. Sears, Mr. Boutwell and Mr. White, Rev. Samuel C. Jackson had the title of acting state librarian. From 1876 to 1878 John W. Dickinson was in charge, with Oliver Warner as acting librarian. Dickinson continued on, with Caleb B. Tillinghast as acting librarian from 1879 to 1892, when Mr. Tillinghast succeeded to the title of State librarian, and served in this capacity until 1909.

Charles F. D. Belden was state librarian from 1909 to 1917, when Foster K. Stearns, son of Frank W. Stearns, was appointed and served for a few months until he left to enter the World War. Mrs. Annie G. Hopkins, assistant librarian, was in charge for a brief time, until the appointment of Dr. Lawrence B. Evans in December, 1917. He served until February 1, 1919, when Edward H. Redstone of Cambridge, the present state librarian, took over the work.

The Massachusetts State Library is the second largest in the United States, with a collection of 436,913 volumes. Its collection of statute law is said to be unsurpassed except by that of the Library of Congress. Perhaps its most interesting original manuscript is that of Governor William Bradford's "History of Plimoth Plantation," otherwise known as "The Log of the Mayflower."

The Staff Spirit

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NOT because we are vainglorious, tho perhaps we are, but because we have been told by numerous outsiders that our "staff spirit" is unusual, we have been casting about in our minds for an explanation for this virtue. We believe that the comment is not a superficial one: The feeling among ourselves tells us that our staff spirit really is unusual. We have no "rows," no cliques, no unpleasant undercurrents. If there are petty jealousies they are suppressed according to the best Freudian recipes.

We believe that herein lies the explanation. The Indianapolis Public Library staff has many points of contact, all of which lead to friendliness and co-operation. Every library probably has some of these, the larger libraries undoubtedly have many of them, but perhaps few libraries have them all. We have both serious and frivolous ways of "getting together." Perhaps the serious ways are responsible for the co-operation and the frivolous ones for the friendliness. Let no library staff, therefore, overlook these frivolities.

To begin with, there are the general staff conferences, coming twice a month and belonging entirely to the staff. The program for the entire year is prepared in outline by a program committee, which also appoints special committees for each meeting. The details for each meeting are left completely in the hands of the special committee. This committee obtains a speaker and one of its members presides over the meeting. The program usually includes, besides the special speaker, local and general library news, department reports, announcements, and book reviews. Each meeting is limited to consideration of one particular subject, such as drama, little theatre, library publicity, nature study, modern novel, etc. The chief librarian attends these meetings, as a guest.

The *Staff News Letter*, edited by the publications department, appears at frequent intervals. This contains news of interest to the entire staff, introductions of new staff members, announcements and local staff humor. Another general staff letter, known as *Office Notes*, appears irregularly and contains news of a more official nature.

The staff reading room offers another opportunity for contact. Here are kept files of current library periodicals and bulletins, literary magazines, library literature of all kinds, and on the table are placed announcements, sample publicity material from other libraries, anything of interest to librarians—material which in many libraries is stored from time of receipt to decay in the librarian's office. The home circulation of this reading matter averages about one hundred items each month.

The Indianapolis Library Club, open to all librarians in Indianapolis and surrounding towns, offers, when it happens to meet, a happy combination of seriousness and frivolity. Contrary to the usual custom, the business part of the meetings furnishes the frivolity.

Besides these several points of contact for the staff as a whole a number of special group meetings are arranged for, most of them belonging to the above-mentioned "serious" group. There are the bi-weekly heads of department meetings with the librarian, where points of policy and new plans are worked out. There is the weekly book meeting held in the order department, where new books are discussed by several heads of departments and book orders determined upon. Every two weeks, alternating with the general staff conferences, come the meetings of branch librarians, held at the central library and conducted by the supervisor of branches with the supervisor of children's work. There are frequent individual department meetings, where all members of a single department meet informally to discuss routine work and general policy. Particularly interesting are the special committee meetings which usually grow out of the heads of department meetings, but which sometimes originate spontaneously. These committees are appointed to investigate some particular point of procedure, both with reference to the local and to other libraries, and to report to the "heads" meeting. No important decision, involving work with the public, especially, is

made without some preliminary investigation of this sort. Points of policy are sometimes determined by so-called executive meetings, where only five or six heads of departments meet with the librarian to discuss questions of importance affecting those few departments.

The "Practice Book" is one of the best means for ensuring of co-operation. This contains detailed outlines of the established routine for each department, and being loose-leaved, admits of change and expansion. A copy is furnished each branch and each department. There is consequently no excuse for lack of co-operation and the feeling of certainty secured thereby does a great deal to promote harmony and uniformity.

What of the frivolities? Regular afternoon teas are an established custom on each week day. Members of the central library staff (unfortunately the branch librarians cannot participate) are allowed ten minutes each for this bit of relaxation and renewing of spirit. These library teas seem to stimulate many Sunday afternoon teas held in the homes of staff members and frequent birthday home parties, house warmings and the like.

The large, attractive lunch room is an exceedingly convivial spot. If there were no other common meeting ground this alone would surely do much toward creating a fine spirit. There one's pet idiosyncrasies are hauled forth and exposed to the hard light of day; there all one's most secret beliefs and desires must stand the test of friendly banter and the threat of getting into the *Staff News Letter*. Woe unto him who goes there for the balm of solitude.

Then, there is the annual Christmas party, and the annual May breakfast where humor holds sway. There are frequent birthday parties, when all those with the common bond of Leo, Capricorn, Sagittarius, or whatever it chance to be, get together for a noon feast. Department parties are not unheard of and Administration Row has been known to unbend. These parties are possible only because the I.P.L. is especially fortunate in having a Mrs. Jackson who has adopted the library. Mrs. Jackson is a cateress. She makes the noon lunch hour a possibility, as well as these less frequent frivolities.

There is the annual Open House, a celebration in honor of the dedication of the Central Library building on James Whitcomb Riley's birthday. Then the staff wears its best clothes, brings all its friends, relatives and would-be relatives and exhibits its social graces to the best of its ability. The gift to the library of the silver tea-service by all members of the staff at a recent Open House is perhaps the most concrete evidence which we can offer that there really is an unusual spirit in the Indianapolis Library.

Last, but best of all, there are the semi-annual spring and autumn hikes. These have wild crab-apple blooms for their destination in the spring and chestnuts and haunted houses as rewards in the fall. They are for the delectation of all peripatetic librarians. One wonders, when they all turn out, if the Indianapolis Library is not a peripatetic library.

We will leave it to better psychologists than we claim to be to determine whether these meetings are responsible for the staff spirit of which we have boasted, or whether the staff spirit is responsible for the meetings—or whether, mayhap, as Meredith Nicholson would claim, it is just "Main Street" friendliness.

Southern California Union List of Periodicals

TO the growing list of union lists has been added the "Union List of Periodicals in Libraries of Southern California," compiled by the Special Libraries Association of Southern California. This contains the titles of about three thousand periodicals to be found in Southern California libraries, with volume number and date in each case. The printed matter is contained in the left hand column, while the right hand side is left blank for insertions and corrections. An extension sheet gives a key to the symbols and abbreviations employed, thus obviating the necessity of turning back each time an interpretation of the symbols is desired.

The twenty-four libraries represented include periodicals on a wide range of subjects, from history, literature and art, to petroleum and public utilities, law and medicine, astronomy and commerce.

Recognition of the value of periodicals in research work is shown by the fact that of the thirteen institutions contributing to the cost of publication one is a large electric company, three petroleum and a fifth the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the other eight being institutions of learning.

Copies may be obtained from Mildred E. Schaer, Southern California Telephone Co., Los Angeles, for $2.50.

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A Record Price for the Gutenberg Bible

DR. A. S. W. ROSENBACH was the successful bidder at the sale of the Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible at the Anderson Galleries in New York on the evening of February 14th, slightly outdistancing with his bid of $106,000 another bidder said to represent a group who wished to present the Bible to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The highest previous price for a copy of the Bible was slightly less than $60,000, paid by Carl Pforzheimer, a New York broker, for the Mazarin copy which he bought from the Rosenbach Company in 1923. The first bid of $50,000 at the Melk sale was made by Belle da Costa Greene, librarian of the J. Pierpont Morgan Library.

Other copies of the Gutenberg Bible are in the New York Public Library, the Library of the General Theological Seminary, and in the private collections of J. P. Morgan, Henry E. Huntington, Joseph E. Widener, Carl E. Pforzheimer, in the British Museum, the Bodleian, the Bibliothèque Nationale of Paris, the Vatican, and the libraries of Berlin, Leipzig, Munich and Vienna. So far as is known about 300 copies of this first printed Bible were issued. More than twenty of the forty-five surviving copies are imperfect. This copy, bound about 1700 in plain brown calf, is in perfect condition. Only four other copies and two single volumes are still in private hands. One of these is imperfect and two others are practically promised to public libraries, so that this sale is not likely soon to be duplicated. The Gutenberg Bible is said to be four times as scarce as the First Folio of Shakespeare. The copy in the New York Public Library was the first to come to the United States. It was bought in 1847 by James Lenox who paid five hundred pounds for it. The second copy was brought over in 1872 by George Brindley of Hartford, Conn.

In the special catalog issued by the Anderson Galleries and written by Seymour de Ricci, one of the foremost authorities on Gutenberg and Caxton, the Melk copy is described as follows:

"The quiet dignity of those twelve hundred and odd pages of dark and shapely type, the deep black of the ink, the broadness of the margins, the glossy crispness of the paper may have been equaled, but they have not been surpassed, and in its very cradle, the printer's art, thanks to the Gutenberg Bible, shines forth indeed as an art as much and more than as a craft. . . .

"The copy has been carefully rubricated throughout by a contemporary illuminator, doubtless in the publisher's own shop. Some of the larger initials are extended far into the lower margins by colored flowery scrolls and leaves, which in some instances have been shaved by the binders knife. The less important initials are printed in red, blue, or green, on background of a different color, and are certainly by the same hand as the designer of the celebrated engraved initials in the 1457 Psalter issued from the same press two years later.

"The Gutenberg Bible is also known as the 'forty-two line Bible,' because it is printed in double columns of forty-two lines each.

"Bibliographers have noticed that in some copies—such as this one—the first nine pages have only forty lines to a column and the tenth page forty-one, whereas other copies have forty-two lines truout. This variation has led to the remarkable discovery that there are two issues of the Bible, a certain number of the leaves having been printed twice.

"The type is the same, but in copies which, like this one, are of the first issue, the type used for the first page was cast on a slightly larger body, which, after a few pages had been set up, was filed down to size. We are thus enabled to gain a most curious insight into the actual workmanship of Gutenberg's printing shop.

"Copies of the first issue, with forty lines on the first page, are by far the most important historically and the most interesting and valuable to the collector."

THE LIBRARY JOURNAL

TWICE-A-MONTH MARCH 1, 1926

THE first fruit of the new push to mark the semi-centenary in 1926 with notable achievements has resulted in the publication of the ninth volume of Charles Evans' great "American Bibliography" of books printed in America which is already being mailed to subscribers. This enterprise had been suspended for the time because of the discouragements of the intervening period. But especially thru the enterprise of Dr. Theodore W. Koch new subscribers were found for the old volumes remaining in Mr. Evans' possession and this resulted in the financing of the new volume which covers the years 1793-4. It is to be hoped that the progress thus made will be continued and that Mr. Evans, already a veteran of seventy-six, and one of the few remaining survivors of the 1876 conference, will be enabled to push forward the work so that the great undertaking may be completed up to 1800 during his span of life as another witness to the fresh vigor of the American Library Association and the Bibliographical Society. It had been Mr. Evans' intention to carry the work forward to 1820, but after 1800 there is such profusion of material that it may prove more practicable to make the end of the eighteenth century the conclusion of this work. The Roorbach catalog started from 1820 and the American Catalog of Frederick Leypoldt covered books in print in 1876, so that there will still remain a gap of books published from 1800 to 1820 and not included as in print at the later periods. Possibly if Mr. Evans is not able to cover this interval, some future bibliographer may do so. A catalog of books of the nineteenth century would be a fine achievement, but this is a task probably beyond financial possibilities. The completion of the Sabin bibliography, of books relating to America, is well under way, and it is hoped by summer to supply to subscribers the next single part in the twentieth uncompleted volume and possibly to carry thru the remaining three single parts within the year 1926.

THE high water mark on the commercial side of bibliography was reached when the Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible was sold in New York this month for $106,000 in an auction contest which will become historic. The competition, starting with a bid on behalf of the Morgan Library by Miss Greene, ran high between four bidders, including Mr. W. E. Benjamin with the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in view, and Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, not disclosing the ultimate buyer. Thousand by thousand the bidding ran, until Mr. Benjamin stopped at $105,000, and Dr. Rosenbach's additional $1,000 brought him the prize. The price, which represents the cost of a good-sized town library, site, building, equipment and books, is the more remarkable since the Gutenberg Bible, tho rare is not unique, for forty-five copies are known to exist, many of them imperfect, and the previous sale, at about $60,000, was for the present owner, Mr. Carl H. Pforzheimer. America with its lavish use of wealth becomes the top market for books, paintings and other works of character which it is attracting from all parts of the world.

ONE of the great endeavors of the semi-centenary year should be to interest more trustees in the actual work of the library in its widest relations and to enroll a larger number in the A. L. A. Toward this end we have in preparation a trustees' number of the LIBRARY JOURNAL which should be of special interest to trustees. For this issue State Librarian Ferguson of California, president of the League of Library Commissions, has prepared a paper on commission work and county organization; Dr. Bostwick contributes one on the meaning of the library school and Harold F. Brigham, who has been studying the pension question for the A. L. A. Salaries Committee, one on the difficult question of library pensions. These and other features will, we trust, be of direct usefulness in informing many trustees regarding what library work means in its manifold aspects. We now ask librarians to send us, preferably on post cards, the name and personal address of the trustee or trustees to whom they wish copies of this number to be sent. Copies of the special issue will be sent to such trustees, within reasonable limits, or on like application a copy will be sent to the librarian to pass from one to another of the library board, whichever may seem the more desirable method locally. We urge immediate co-operation in this endeavor.

Library Organizations

American Library Association

Fiftieth Anniversary Fund

IF other states contribute in the proportion of the first six to the A. L. A. Fiftieth Anniversary, the desired total of $35,000 will soon be reached.

Fifteen thousand dollars have already been promised or paid into the fund. Of this nearly $9,000 have been subscribed by six states, each of which has totaled over $1,000: Massachusetts leads with above $2,000, closely followed by New York with $1,880, then Missouri, Michigan, Illinois and California.

Cities making contribution of over a hundred dollars are: Detroit $1,000, Philadelphia $1,000, Brooklyn $500, Kansas City $400, Seattle libraries (Public Library, University of Washington library, and high school libraries) $300, Los Angeles Public Library $250, Pratt Institute Free Library $250, John Crerar $200, Bridgeport $161, Grand Rapids $150, Newton, Mass., $100, Newark Public Library $100, New York State Library $100, Northampton, Mass., $100, Osterhout Library, Wilkes-Barré, $100, Springfield, Illinois, $100.

Library staffs have contributed in St. Louis ($229 from 165 members) and Syracuse ($25); library clubs: Chicago ($100), Twin Cities ($672), and Massachusetts ($100). Personal checks from some twenty-five individuals and contributions from a dozen publishers and supply houses have made a notable addition to the libraries' contributions.

Council Meeting at Atlantic City

IN accordance with Council action at the Chicago midwinter meeting, President Belden has called a meeting—for Council members only—to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, March 7 at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City.

The purposes of the meeting will be to consider: A. L. A. endowments; recommendations of A. L. A. committees; and any other important business.

With regard to A. L. A. endowments Mr. Belden writes: "I feel it my duty as president not to allow this Fiftieth Anniversary Year to pass without our having given consideration to the possibility of obtaining some permanent endowments for the Association. The work carried on by A. L. A. committees and officers during the past fifty years must be continued; and new work, necessitated by the changing years, must be undertaken. We cannot be sure that the annual appropriations, which have made the important activities of the last two years possible, will continue indefinitely. Is there not something which the Council can do in this our jubilee year which will encourage wealthy men and women to remember the American Library Association when they are making gifts and bequests?

"If any committees wish to present definite recommendations concerning their activities, copies of the recommendations will be sent to the members of the Council as far as possible in advance of the actual date of the meeting."

Membership Dues

NOTICES of dues for 1926 have been sent to members, who are asked to fill in now their position and addresses for publication in the 1926 Handbook. It would be a great convenience to users of this valuable reference tool if members who pay their dues promptly and later change their positions would send their new addresses before the time of publication of the Handbook (usually about the end of December).

The Catalog Section dues of fifty cents are now payable to Linn R. Blanchard, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

Pre-Conference Tour

UNDER the leadership of Professor Jack Crawford of the Yale University English Department is planned the A. L. A. pre-conference trip of August 21 to October 3. The business management will be in the hands of the Intercollegiate Division of Temple Tours, Inc., and Mr. F. W. Faxon, chairman of the A. L. A. Travel Committee will make all necessary preliminary arrangements for the A. L. A. party.

With tourist (third cabin) accommodations on the Cunard S. S. Caronia, first class channel and lake and (except in England) second class rail, comfortable hotels, tips and baggage taken care of, the cost of the six weeks' tour will be $580.

The literary associations of the route followed will be emphasized and it may be possible to attend some of the sessions of the British Library Association's conference tentatively announced for September.

The itinerary will be:

Aug. 21. Sail from New York, S. S. Caronia.

Aug. 28. Arrive at Plymouth; connecting train to London.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 7. London and vicinity. The sightseeing will include the Tower, St. Paul's, the Strand, Guildhall, Trafalgar Square, London Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and Hyde Park. We inspect the collections at the British Museum, the National Gallery, and the Tate Gallery. Excursion to Canterbury.

Five-day auto trip to *Winchester*, seat of King Arthur and King Alfred, memories of St. Swithin, Nell Gwynne, Jane Austen and Izaak Walton.

Salisbury, the finest early English cathedral. Salisbury Plain, the pre-historic ruins of Stonehenge, the region of Anthony Trollope and Henry Fielding.
Oxford. The famous quadrangles.
Stratford, the environment of Shakespeare; the romantic castles of Warwick and Kenilworth.
Sulgrave Manor, George Washington's ancestral home.
Hampton Court; Eton, the famous school.
Stoke Poges, where Gray's Elegy was written.

Sept. 8. To Furness Abbey, one of the most romantic ruins in England.
Sept 9. The English Lakes, the Wordsworth country.
Sept. 10. Excursion to Ayr, sacred to Robert Burns and Tam O'Shanter.
Sept. 11. The lakes and mountains of the Trossachs by rail coach and steamer; memories of Walter Scott, Ellen's Isle, Rob Roy.
Sept. 12-14. Edinburgh. Visit the Castle, Holyrood, Stevenson Memorial in the Cathedral. All day excursio to Melrose Abbey, Scott's home at Abbotsford and his tomb at Dryburgh.
Sept. 15. To York, picturesque old walled town with Guild Hall, shambles, and the glorious Cathedral, superb choir and organ music. To Lincoln.
Sept. 16. Lincoln, with its Jew's House and marvelous old Cathedral. Night service by Harwich to Belgium.
Sept. 17-19. Brussels, excursion to Louvain, visit the library of Cardinal Mercier. Excursion to the battlefield of Waterloo.
Sept. 19. Afternoon train to Paris.
Sept. 20-24. Paris and vicinity. Picturesque guild houses, the grand Cathedral, boulevards and parks. A visit to the American Library in Paris. Motor trips thru the grand boulevards, the Champs Elysées, etc. The galleries of the Louvre and Luxembourg. Excursions to Versailles, Malmaison. Excursion by rail and motor to Chateau-Thierry; the cemetery at Belleau Wood; shattered Rheims.
Sept. 25. Sail from Cherbourg.
Oct. 3. Arrive New York.

Full particulars as to passport, etc., will be mailed after advance deposit has been paid.

First applicants receive first consideration in allotting of berths, etc.

The advance deposit of $60 is payable before April 30 to Frederick W. Faxon, 83 Francis St., Boston, Mass.

SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ON account of the fiftieth anniversary of A. L. A. in October, the second biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association will be held April 22-24 at Signal Mt., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Post conference meetings of A. L. A. committees will be held following the meeting with such representatives as Mr. Jennings, Mr. Strohm, Mr. Lester, Miss Merrill, Miss Bogle, Miss Howe present. The Tennessee Library Association will hold its annual meeting during the session.

Considerable attention will be devoted to the inventorying of the present status of public, college and school libraries, in the Southeastern States and to the formulating of objectives which will guide the Southeastern Library Association for the next two years.

Three general sessions will be held with the A. L. A. committees on Adult Education, Library Extension and Education for Librarianship. Ample opportunity will be given for sectional meetings, informal discussions and round tables. A book dinner has been arranged for Friday night, and automobile drives and other courtesies are planned for the visitors.

The presence of national committees and a large registration from the A. L. A. headquarters will bring a national aspect to the biennial conference which holds much of interest for each librarian, trustee and educator who will be in attendance.

Exhibits will be a feature of the Conference.

The Signal Mt. Hotel offers the following attractive rates for room with bath, American plan: One in room, $5.50; two in room, single beds, $5. Only a limited number of single rooms will be available. When sending reservation please signify preference as to room-mate.

The conference offers a program of interest at a comfortable meeting place on Signal Mt., far enough removed from the city to avoid its distractions, with the Mountain in all its spring loveliness as an attraction.

If enough delegates are in attendance a reduced return rate may be granted.

LOUIS R. WILSON, *Chairman*,
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Calendar

March regional library conferences in Illinois have been arranged as follows: March 2, Marion; 3, Fairfield; 9, Pana; 10, Mattoon; 12, Danville; 16, Jacksonville; 17, Carthage; 23, Ottawa; 24, Freeport; 26, East St. Louis; 30, Galesburg; 31, Rock Island.

March 5-6. At the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City. Joint spring meeting of the New Jersey Library Association and the Pennsylvania Library Club.

March 7. A meeting of the A. L. A. Council open to members only will be held at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City to consider A. L. A. endowments and other matters.

April 22-24. At Signal Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Southeastern Library Association.

May 12-14. At Mount Vernon. Thirtieth annual conference of the Illinois Library Association.

July 6-8. At Iowa City. Iowa Library Association.

June 21-26. At the Lake Placid Club. New York Library Association.

June 28-30. At Littleton. New Hampshire Library Association.

June 28-July 3. At Prague, Czechoslovakia. International Congress of Librarians. Papers will be officially translated into French, English, German, Russian.

Oct. 4-8. At Atlantic City. Seventeenth annual convention of the Special Libraries Association. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Chelsea, which will also be headquarters of the National Association of State Libraries.

Oct. 4-9. At Atlantic City. Forty-eighth annual conference of the American Library Association and affiliated and other associations.

1927 Conference of the American Library Association will be held in Toronto, Canada.

Library Book Outlook

THE outstanding work of recent publication is doubtless Carl Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln (Harcourt-Brace, 2 v., $10), which is an intimate biographical study of Lincoln up to the year of his election to the Presidency.

Two biographical works of interest are Life and Letters of Thomas Jefferson, by Francis Wrigley Hirst (Macmillan, $6), which, tho primarily written for the British public is hardly less valuable for American readers as a portrayal at once scholarly and human, from the other side of the Atlantic; and The Life of Benito Mussolini, by Margherita G. Sarfatti (Stokes, $5) which is not a chronological record but a running commentary on the career of Italy's dictator—the chief incidents being presumed to be within the reader's knowledge.

The most interesting new travel-book is probably My Journey down the Tigris by S. Guyer (915.6, Adelphi, $5), the story of a raft-voyage thru dead kingdoms, by an archeologist of repute whose chief purpose is to give a human account of his journey. Another addition to the literature of London appears in London's West End by Percy H. Ditchfield (914.21, Houghton-Mifflin, $5), an illustrated medley of description, history, and anecdote, pleasantly written and admirably illustrated.

A Century of Excavation in Palestine, by R. A. S. Macalister (913, Revell, $3.75) is a compact account of ancient Jerusalem and a review of modern research in Palestine well illustrated with photographs and plans.

Of strictly historical interest are The Pioneers of the French Revolution, by M. Rouston (944, Little-Brown, $4), which is the first volume of a series dealing with social and political thought in Europe, and The Conquest of the Philippines by the United States 1898-1925, by Moorfield Storey (991.4, Putnam, $2).

Contemporary Russian Literature 1881-1925, by Prince D. S. Mirsky (891.7, Knopf, $4), is a new volume in the Contemporary Literature Series, written by a lecturer in Russian literature in King's College, London.

Shane Leslie has compiled a welcome Anthology of Catholic Poets (811.08, Macmillan, $2.75); and Lord Alfred Douglas's nonsense verses have been gathered together in a volume entitled The Duke of Berwick (827, Knopf, $2).

New drama-books of interest comprise Naboth's Vineyard, by Clemence Dane (822, Macmillan, $1.50) a play based on the Biblical story of King Ahab and his queen Jezebel, and her love for Jehu, the captain of the hosts; and Lucky Sam McCarver, by Sidney C. Howard (812, Scribner $2), a new play by the author of They Knew What They Wanted.

Fools and Philosophers by J. B. Priestley (828, Dodd-Mead, $2), consists of selections from English comic literature, largely Shakespeare and Dickens. Unposted Letters by John o' London, the pen-name of Wilfred Whitten (824, Putnam, $2) is a collection of informal essays touching on a wide range of subjects, written by the editor of one of England's most popular weekly journals.

There are two interesting new scientific books. Three Centuries of Chemistry by Irvine Masson (540, Macmillan, $3), describes the various phases in the growth of that science. Microbe-Hunters, by Paul H. De Kruif (616, Harcourt-Brace, $3.50), tells of the work and discoveries of the men who were pioneers in the field of bacteriology in popular fashion.

In the field of philosophy, Creative Freedom, by J. W. T. Mason (124, Harper, $4) offers a searching attempt to discover what human living is, and whither it is headed.

Of sociological interest are The College President, by Charles F. Thwing (378, Macmillan, $2.50), which is a discussion based on actual experience of the relations of the president to the rest of the college body, the dangers of the office, its rewards, and its future; and The Jews of Eastern Europe, by Arnold D. Margolin (296, Seltzer, $2.50), which presents phases of Jewish life in the old Russian Empire, also under the Soviet régime, and finally immigrant-life in America.

Another book that is sure of a welcome is Small Plays for Small Casts by Elizabeth H. Yates (792, Penn, $2), containing seven plays for "little theater" companies, marked by simple settings and costumes, and small casts.

The new volume of O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories, of 1925, chosen by the Society of Arts and Sciences, is out (Doubleday-Page, $2).

Five new fiction titles, by as many more or less important and generally accepted fiction-writers, deserving of mention are: The Blind Goddess, by Arthur Train (Scribner, $2), unfolding a romance beneath the shadow of the Criminal Courts Building and the Tombs Prison in New York; Mated, by Wallace Irwin (Putnam, $2), telling about another marriage, divorce, and a child involved; Uprooted, by Brand Whitlock (Appleton, $2), telling the story of an American girl who seeks the excitement and variety of life in Paris and down on

the Riviera; Kneel to the Prettiest, by Berta Ruck (Dodd-Mead, $2), recounting the story of a young man who, in order to insure his income, is forced to procure a flawlessly beautiful fiancée; and On an Island That Cost $24, by Irvin S. Cobb (Doran, $2), being tales of Manhattan—powerful dramas of the six-million.

A highly romantic tale, in the old style, woven about a mysterious golden robe, an explorer, and the daughter of Viking adventurers, is Riders of the Wind, by Elswyth Thane, a new writer (Stokes, $2).

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In the Library World

Massachusetts

IN its present quarters at 8 Fenway the Boston Medical Library, fourth in size in the country, has recently observed its fiftieth birthday. Its first quarters were at 5 Hamilton Place; its second at 19 Boylston Place. James Read Chadwick served as librarian for thirty years, from the founding to 1905. The present librarian is Dr. John W. Farlow. At the end of 1924 the library had 123,234 volumes and 91,456 pamphlets, including the deposit of the Boston Public Library, which is not allowed to make it a gift, the anatomy and physiology collection deposited by the Cambridge Public Library, and the collections given by the Athenaeum and the Essex Institute of Salem. The library has about fifty medical books of the fifteenth century. It has the first medical book with anatomical and medical illustrations, by John of Kethan, published in 1491 and the only copy in this country. It has as well the book in which Harvey first described the circulation of the blood (1628); the 1790 reprint of Michael Servetus on pulmonary circulation, the author of which was burned at the stake; and Number 1 on Sir William Osler's list of medical incunabula, the Rabanus Maurus, of which there are only three copies known in the United States.

Michigan

TWO new outlets have been recently acquired by the Detroit Public Library, not as many as it would wish, since the system has not been enlarged since 1922. The area of the city has increased since that time from 82,335 square miles to 119,133 and the population from 996,678 to 1,242,044. A business library branch on the site of the old building downtown is especially needed.

The first regional branch library in the system, on Kercheval avenue in the eastern part of the city, was scheduled to open early this year. It was designed and located to provide for closer and more economical administration of a group of branches, for which it will serve as a sort of "mother" library, and for the relief of the main library, which is rapidly approaching its limit of capacity. In the northwesterly part of the city a building in Redford Township has been placed at the Commission's disposal for library use.

The Library's sixtieth year ending last June, showed an increase in circulation over the abnormally high figures of the previous year. The increase was 230,575; the total circulation 3,779,899. The Commission has petitioned the Common Council for permission to approach the next legislature to authorize the organization of a pension system for library employees.

Nebraska

ONE town in Nebraska has a population of less than a thousand, yet levies the maximum library tax allowed by law and exceeds the one dollar per capita tax regarded as the ideal standard by the A. L. A. Sixteen years ago Clay Centre was a traveling library station. It now has a Carnegie building. At the birthday celebration held January 26, Nellie Williams, secretary of the state library commision, spoke to the librarians of Nebraska from the $50,000 radio station, KMMJ, installed in the town by the president of the library board. School children, who wished to be a part of the celebration, competed in raising the largest amount of silver to be presented to the library.

Philippine Islands

LIBRARY statistics for the Philippine Islands are given in the twenty-fifth annual report (1924) of the Director of Education, Bureau of Education, Department of Public Instruction, Government of the Philippine Islands (Manila: Bureau of Printing, 1925). A table shows, by divisions and for the Islands, the number of schools, the number of schools with libraries, the number of books and pamphlets contained in them, the number of newspapers and magazine subscriptions, and the number of persons using the libraries.

When compared with statistics for the previous year, the figures show an increase of 116 in the number of school libraries (3,155 in all); an increase of 79,411 in the total number of books and pamphlets in school libraries (743,038 in all); a decrease of 373 in the number of school library newspaper subscriptions; an increase of 24,774 in the number of teachers and pupils reading school library books (599,301 in all); a decrease of 1,761 in the

number of outsiders using school libraries (this year's total was 15,268); and an increase of 761 in the number of school libraries open to the people of school communities.

India

TO place within the reach of young men literature and information calculated to fit them for life in trade, agriculture, or the government service, the Sir Ganga Ram Business Bureau and Library was started a year ago as a part of the Hindu Students' Career Society. There are about nine hundred books in the Library in the Stern Buildings, Lahore (Punjab). "In the selection of books, attempt is made only to select either biographies of such great men as have risen from poverty to plenty or such books as deal with trade, manufactures or principles of carrying on business. Books on fiction, religion and politics are avoided." Prospectuses of institutions for educational, technical and industrial training, and manufacturers' catalogs are also collected.

England

WAR was in progress when the last report of the Liverpool Libraries was isued. The present report covers the ten years ending last March 31. Circulation at the branch libraries increased during the war years, while the issues in the reference library fell off. The senior male members of the staff and the women assistants carried on the work during the four years, and not one of the libraries was closed. The total actual issues in the reference, commercial and branch libraries, in the ten years covered in the report, amounted to 22,986,781 volumes, and during the same period there was an estimated issue in the various reading rooms of 3,593,152 periodicals, books and prints.

The reference library catalog was brought up to date from 1891. It was decided to abandon the cumbersome system of cards in drawers and substitute the more flexible sheaf system. Under the card system each drawer contained 2,000 cards, and it was possible for one reader to hold up 12,000 cards, whereas each sheaf holder contains not more than 450 entries. The difficulty of keeping the sheaf holders in order was solved by the adoption of a color scheme, giving to each letter a different color. There are 342 holders, containing nearly 200,000 entries and references. In the year preceding the report a catalog of all the books of non-fiction in the lending libraries was published, the first complete catalog of its kind in the country.

The staffs were graded by the libraries committee in 1924 when the City Council decided to discontinue the "bonus" and to stabilize the salaries and wages of the professional and clerical staffs.

Library Opportunities

No charge is made to subscribers to the LIBRARY JOURNAL *for insertion of notices in this department.*

POSITIONS OFFERED

An examination for a children's librarian (residence requirements waived) will be held March 31, by the St. Paul (Minn.) Civil Service Commissioner. Salary $121.60 to $151.60 a month (grade 7).

Applicants must meet one of the following two requirements:

(a) Two years of college work, with at least two years of experience in the juvenile department of a library doing special work with children, one-half year of which must have been in a grade equivalent to that of General Library Assistant. (b) Two years of college work, and one year of completed study in a library school of recognized standing, including special instruction in work with children.

The examination will consist of a rating of the applicant's past education and experience only.

Applications will be received until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. For application blank and further information, apply at the Civil Service Bureau, Room 201 Commerce Bldg.

Wanted, librarian for state college library. B.A. degree and at least one year's library school as well as experience required. Position open April or June. Address Librarian, Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La.

Wanted, three catalogers in city public library in middle west. Salary based on experience and training. O. E. 5.

Wanted, junior assistants in general branch work, salary $1200. Requirements: high school graduation, training class instruction or satisfactory experience. Address Brooklyn Public Library, 280 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

POSITIONS WANTED

Librarian with good general education, one year's library school and eight years' experience as head of a catalog department wants similar position in college or public library in a city of 50,000 population. R. L. 5.

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Trained librarian with experience as high school teacher and librarian and as department head in public libraries, wants position as librarian of high or normal school or public library, instructor of training class, or head of reference department in public library. B. W. 5.

Technical librarian with five years' experience in large technical library wants better position. L. J. 5.

Position wanted by librarian with one year's library school training and eight years' experience. South preferred. R. C. 5.

Librarian, man, Ph.D., fellow of New York University, with nearly four and half years' experience in reference work and cataloging, knows classical and modern languages including Slavic, wants position in university library in the East. D. A. 5.

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Among Librarians

Margaret Calfee, 1914, Western Reserve, became head cataloger of the Cleveland Medical Library, January 4th.

David Foster Estes, who was from 1898 to 1921 librarian of Colgate University, died on February 19, in his seventy-fifth year, at Los Angeles, his home since his retirement from active service. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont and of the Newton Theological Institution, and was professor of New Testament Interpretation at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., from 1891 to 1921, as well as librarian from 1898 to the same date. His published writings include "An Outline of New Testament Theology" and a "History of Holden, Massachusetts." Under his care the book collection of the Colgate University Library was more than tripled, the staff largely increased and organized, and the work and significance of the library in the life of the institution were very substantially expanded.

Alice G. Evans, for over fifty years librarian of the Decatur (Ill.) Public Library, died suddenly on February 8 at Los Angeles, at the age of seventy-seven. On the occasion of her jubilee last summer Mrs. Evans was given a purse of gold and a year's leave of absence for travel, and she was expected to return to her office in the late spring. After a quarter century of work at Decatur she secured a $60,000 Carnegie library building and the library has kept pace with the growth of Decatur, which did not wait for her death to show its appreciation, for the first branch opened was named for the librarian, her portrait hangs in the main library, and in her jubilee celebration last year the whole municipality participated. She had attended twenty-nine conferences of the A. L. A., with only eight members ahead of her on the honor roll of attendance.

Marilla B. George, 1919-21 New York Public, formerly children's librarian of the Yorkville Branch of the New York Public Library, appointed assistant, American Library in Paris.

Lillie C. Lilliequist, 1916, Western Reserve, was recently appointed librarian of the Eveleth (Minn.) Public Library.

Margaret Hickson, recently of the Seattle Public Library Children's Department, has joined the Tampa (Fla.) Public Library as branch librarian. Caroline E. Waters, 1901-2 New York State, has been appointed reference librarian. She recently resigned from the Library of the College for Women, Western Reserve University, Cleveland. F. Adele Masterson formerly of the Brooklyn public library is the new children's librarian.

Lucile Kelling, 1919 New York State, resigned her position with the Free Public Library of Newark, N. J., and is now acting reference librarian of Mills College Library, Mills College, California.

Archibald Malloch of Montreal succeeds John S. Brownne who has retired after forty-one years' service as librarian of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Malloch is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., and took his medical degree at McGill, where he has recently been demonstrator in medicine. He gives up also his work as assistant physician at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and the assistant editorship of the *Journal* of the Canadian Medical Association. Readers of the second volume of Harvey Cushing's Life of Sir William Osler (Oxford University Press, 1925) know Dr. Malloch from frequent references during the war years, often in connection with Dr. William W. Francis, Sir William's "nephew" (really cousin) in co-operation with whom Dr. Malloch was selected in 1919 to complete the soon-to-be published catalog of the medical incunabula and other rare items in Sir William's collection now the property of the McGill Library. American colleagues congratulate themselves on numbering Dr. Malloch "Among Librarians."

"Doane" Robertson has completed his twenty-fifth year as secretary of the South Dakota Historical Society, which has made him ex-officio secretary of the Library Commission and state librarian, and now retires at the age of seventy to devote the rest of his life to writing and lecturing on his specialty, South Dakota history.

Henry Nichols Sanborn, since 1918 librarian of the Bridgeport (Conn.) Public Library died suddenly on February 21, at the age of forty-six. Coming in 1912 into the library profession from that of teaching—he had been instructor in English at Dartmouth and at Phillips Academy, Andover—he was for a year librarian of the University Club, Chicago. He then succeeded Carl H. Milam as secretary of the Indiana Library commission and during five busy years in that post did much for the development of the library summer school and the district library meetings. The Bridgeport years were characterized by persistent and successful effort for better appropriation for the administration of the library system and for adequate quarters. Five new branches of tasteful and practical design have been erected, and plans for a new central building in the heart of the city had been approved.

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Current Literature and Bibliography

The official report made by Dr. Bostwick to the A. L. A. on his mission to China last spring appears in the February *Bulletin* of the A. L. A. An informal account of the mission was printed in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for November 1, 1925.

A first interesting and informing installment of "Glimpses of Lives and Works of Certain French Bibliographers", by Harriet D. MacPherson, head cataloger of the College of the City of New York Library in the current *Bulletin of Bibliography* (dated Sept.—Dec., 1925) deals with Joseph Marie Quérard, Paul Lacroix and Charles Nodier.

"Materials for Investigations in American Literature" appearing in the January *Studies in Philology* published by the University of North Carolina Press, is a bibliography of dissertations, articles, research in progress and collections of Americana, compiled for the American Literature Group of the Modern Language Association of America by Ernest E. Leisy, secretary of the group. For a limited time orders will be received for reprints of this list at fifty cents each by James F. Royster, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The University of New Hampshire Library "one of the two libraries in the country to serve both town and university under a contract" (the other is Oberlin) has set up for the information and guidance of its clients a *Library Lantern* (v. 1, no. 1, December, 1925). Short, informal paragraphs tell simply something of noteworthy books, recent accessions of especial interest, "books and authors," government publications, and of what the library is in a position to do for its public. This four-page mimeographed sheet announces that it will appear occasionally. The first three readable numbers have appeared at intervals of month.

"Keys to the Halls of Books" is dedicated "to all those who wish to become independent users of libraries" by its author, Gertrude Buck, instructor in library science at the State Normal School, Milwaukee. Playfully—and earnestly—with an accompaniment of head and tail pieces and pithy quotations come in turn: Note taking—from the care of the pen to the best form for the note; aids to general reading—kinds and forms of printed matter and how to know and judge them; classification and other "numbers"; reference books and periodicals; the catalog; and how to prepare a bibliography. Wauwatosa, Wis.: Kenyon press, 1926, 54p. 75c.; single introduction copies to teachers and librarians, 55c.

A first tentative edition of Through the Gateway, issued as v. 1 of a series of Books of Goodwill, is published by the National Council for Prevention of War, Washington, D. C. The series, suggested by the Gateway of Goodwill, published by the Friends Peace Committee of the Philadelphia yearly meeting, follows as a guide for the choice of material the goodwill program recently adopted by the World Federation of Education Associations. The stories to read and tell, poems to read and learn, pageants and plays, games to play, songs to sing, etc., will be welcome to librarians as to teachers (118 p. 50c.)

Under the title "A Federal University for the People," the U. S. Department of the Interior sets forth in a readable, well illustrated pamphlet its functions other than those of a purely administrative nature, briefly introducing itself as an institution of higher learning with its corps of scientists, professional men, and specialists representing many divisions of education, working for a student body which is the people of the United States. The concise information on the history and functions of the divisions of the Department, which has under its immediate supervision two institutions of higher learning—Howard University and the Columbia Institution for the Deaf—will be of help not only to the library public but to the library worker who has not visualized the documents of this department as embracing anthropology, zoology, psychology, psychiatry, chemistry, engineering, geology, geography, botany, education, etc., which comprise the "course of study" of this people's university.

Henrietta Lovi formerly in charge of the order department of the Chicago Public Library is compiler of "Best Books on Spirit Phenomena 1847-1925" (Boston: Richard G. Badger, 1925). "In these 'notes describing representative volumes—belief, unbelief, disbelief'—Miss Lovi makes the discriminations which the librarian most needs for proper selection and reference assistance in this specialized but important subject," says the Chicago Public Library's *Staff News*. "She presents her material without ostentatious display or argumentation and in an easy literary style. There has been no attempt at elaboration of details, but no helpful comments have been omitted. The books she compares and analyzes are grouped in informal chapters on pioneer writers, psychical research, investigators, spiritualists, opponent and divergent opinions, the interested clergy, 'books to sit up all night to read' and 'a trio of tremendous works' with one chapter devoted entirely to Lodge and Doyle. There is a carefully selected bibliography and an index to all authors and titles mentioned in the text."

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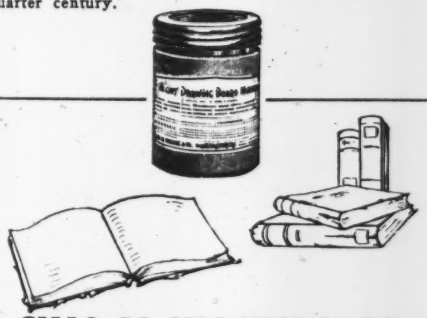

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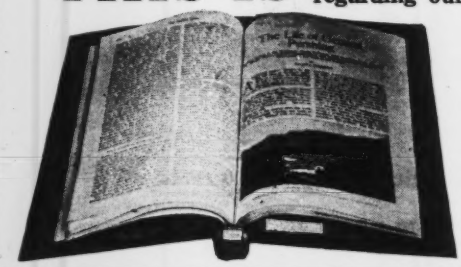

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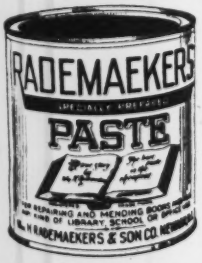

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